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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79620

Masafumi NISHITANI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/765,566

Group Art Unit: 3711

Confirmation No.: 8137

Examiner: Alvin A. Hunter

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For: GOLF CLUB HEAD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two (2) distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claim 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, directed to a middle body made of metal or alloy, for examination on which claim 1, 2 and 4-9 are readable, wherein claims 1 and 4-9 are generic.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claim 3.

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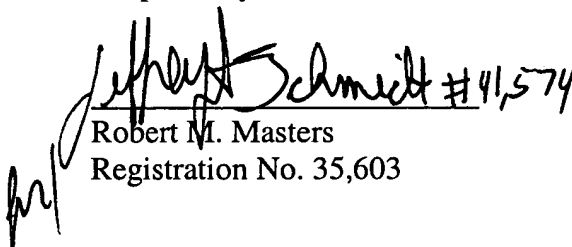
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